

Agenda
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, August 16, 2021
Council Chambers
6:30 p.m. – Caucus/7:00 p.m. Meeting
Live via Facebook @ <http://facebook.com/lackawannany/>

Attention Residents:

Meetings have returned to City Hall – Council Chambers, 2nd Floor. They are open to the public. As a courtesy, we ask unvaccinated citizens to please wear a mask and maintain social distancing. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Meeting Called to Order/Pledge of Allegiance.

NB: Meeting being recorded.

Roll Call: Council: Ingram, Szymanski, Moretti, Surdyke, Marrano
Dept. Heads: Law, Development, Public Works, Public Safety, Comptroller, Recreation, PIO

Hearings from Citizens:

Approval of Minutes: of the regular meetings of July 12, 2021.

1. **City Comptroller** - A/P Check Listing #50, dated July 15, 2021.
2. **City Comptroller** - A/P Check Listing #51, dated July 23, 2021.
3. **City Comptroller** – A/P Check Listing #52, dated August 2, 2021.
4. **City Comptroller** - A/P Check Listing #1, dated August 9, 2021.
5. **City Comptroller** – Capital Fund Account for July, 2021.
6. **City Clerk** – Monthly Revenue Report for July, 2021.
7. **City Treasurer** – Cash Receipts Total for July, 2021.

Communications from the Council:

8. **Council Member Ingram** – Requests information from the Director of Development regarding the following items:

Empire Building Diagnostics, Inc. moving from Depew, NY to the former Brake Beam Building at 400 Ingham Avenue.

Has asked for a tour of the old Bethlehem Steel plant site and has yet to receive any follow-up to that request for almost 5 months.

What is the plan concerning the incomplete gas station and old church both located on Ridge Road? Both are owned by the same individual.

Also asks that the Director of Public safety assist the Lackawanna Municipal Housing Authority (LMHA) with an on-going problem they are having with cars parking on the sidewalk.
9. **Council Member Szymanski** – Requests City Council approve the attached salutation at City welcome entrances:

“Birthplace of Governor Kathy Courtney Hochul, 57th Governor of the State of New York, First Female Governor of the Empire State”

Communications from Department/Division Heads:

10. **City Attorney** – Requests City Council approve the attached contract between the City and County of Erie. Funds to be used to upgrade the Fire Department 911 system. Full contract on file in the Clerk’s Office.
11. **City Attorney** – Requests City Council approve the attached contract between the City and Harris Beach Bond Counsel Services. Full contract on file in the Clerk’s Office.

12. **City Attorney** - Requests City Council approve the attached contract between the City and Varsity Gay League. Full contract on file in the Clerk's Office.
13. **City Attorney** – Requests City Council approve the attached amended agreement between the City and Willet Road Solar LLC. Full contract on file in the Clerk's Office.
14. **Director of Recreation** – Requests City Council approve the Lackawanna DPW to utilize the U-drive at 2838 South Park Avenue to hold the Second Annual Drive-Thru Charity Chicken BBQ for the Lackawanna DPW Christmas Toy Drive. The event will take place on Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 3 pm to 7 pm. Food will be prepared on site by Weidner's BBQ. Proof of insurance forthcoming.
15. **Director of Recreation** – Requests City Council allow resident and LA Urban Farms member Rebecca Roussev address the Council to discuss the possibility of utilizing Galanti Park to host an afterschool wellness program.
16. **Director of Recreation** – Requests City Council approve a request for use of Franklin Playground for use by Global Concepts Charter High School Soccer Team, as per the attached schedule. Proof of insurance forthcoming.
17. **City Comptroller** – Requests City Council approve the attached ordinance creating the Assistant Comptroller's position and associated funding.
 - (A) An ordinance amending the 2021-2022 Budget Ordinance adopted May 18, 2021 by increasing the salary for the Assistant Comptroller to \$62,500.00 and fund the current position; increase budget line A.1315.101 Personal Services – City Comptroller by \$5,914.00 and decrease the fund balance by \$5,914.00.
18. **City Clerk** – Requests City Council approve Mayor Iafallo, Council Members Surdyke and Szymanski and I to attend the New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) annual fall training to be held the week of September 20th at Saratoga Springs, NY. Monies for travel are already budgeted in each departments 2021-2022 budget. In addition, Council approval is needed for the attached resolution changing the date of the regular Council meeting of Monday, September 20, 2021 to Monday, September 27, 2021.
 - (A) A resolution, as per Chapter 3, Section 3.7 of the Charter of the City of Lackawanna, whereas the City Council is desirous with complying with the Open Meetings Law of the State of New York, and is desirous of changing the meeting date of Monday, September 20, 2021 to Monday, September 27, 2021.

Communications from Citizens:

19. **Steve Szafranski, Resident** – Submits communication regarding the current parking condition on Jackson Street and the use of fire pits.
20. **Rebecca Roussev, Resident** – See communication #15 above.
21. **Emily Hawkins, Eden Town Clerk** – Submits a certified copy of a resolution passed by the Town of Eden Town Board, on the 28th Day of July, 2021, affirming the Skyway Bridge as essential to their community for commerce, revitalization, access to employment, public safety and efficient travel to points north, and opposes its removal or restrictions to vehicle use.

Business Registrations:

*Kahdas Mohamej, dba Statewide Auto Plus (auto repair/used car dealer), 180 Ridge Road.

*Sarah Barber, dba SRI Fire Sprinkler, LLC (Satellite office for printing & emailing for a sprinkler contractor), 2600 Hamburg Tpk.

*Michael Barnes, dba Yard Sale Produce (Farmers Market), 142 Wilson Street.

*Christine Hawrylczak, dba Willet Farm Stand (sell produce and locally made products), 2221 Abbott Road.

Entertainment Licenses:

*Nite Cappe, 1769 Abbott Road, Class I – Live Music and/or Mechanical Reproduction.

*Lake Erie Co-op Society, 3200 South Park Avenue, Class I – Live Music and/or Mechanical Reproduction.

Tabled Items:

Old Business:

Adjournment:

Any items to be placed on the agenda must be received by the City Clerk's Office by noon on the Wednesday before the scheduled meeting to be considered. Any comments made at the meeting are restricted to agenda items only. It is requested that gentlemen remove their hats and that all cell phones be placed in silent mode so as not to disturb the proceedings. Proper decorum and respect towards fellow citizens, Council Members and City Officials must be adhered to or you will be asked to leave Council Chambers. There is no input from the public during the caucus portion of the meeting. Thank you.

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